

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 92

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kimberly Perkey on her selection as the 2020–2021 Lincoln Heights Middle School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly Perkey is one such estimable educator who strives to explore education in a way that transcends the classroom and encourages students to become lifelong learners who always question, explore, and inquire; and

WHEREAS, Knoxville native Kimberly Perkey has been selected as the 2020–2021 Lincoln Heights Middle School Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly Perkey holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Carson-Newman University; and

WHEREAS, a seven-year educator, Ms. Perkey teaches sixth-grade science at Lincoln Heights Middle School; she facilitates a student-centered educational environment that encourages a love of learning science, an awareness of human impact on the planet, and exposure to technology to integrate the tools acquired in the classroom with real-world application of the content; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the educational well-being of her students, she collaborated with two teachers in 2016 to create the Lincoln Heights Middle School STEAM Club, exposing students to a broader range of concepts and activities in the fields of science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to teach stewardship, Kimberly Perkey regularly discusses with her classes the human activities that impact the Earth, both positively and negatively, and they brainstorm ways to mitigate problems; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Perkey enjoys spending time with her husband, Steven, and their three daughters, Taitum, Tenley, and Teagan at the race track, making fun TikTok videos for her classes, exploring new local family fun spots, and visiting new places; and

WHEREAS, she is an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly Perkey truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest precepts of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Kimberly Perkey on being chosen as the 2020–2021 Lincoln Heights Middle School Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.